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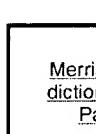
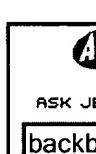
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backbone
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Main Entry: **back·bone**

Pronunciation: -'bōn, -"bōn

Function: *noun*

Date: 14th century

1 : SPINAL COLUMN, SPINE

2 : something that resembles a backbone: as **a** : a chief mountain ridge, range, or system **b** : the foundation or most substantial or sturdiest part of something **c** : the longest chain of atoms or groups of atoms in a usually long molecule (as a polymer or protein)

3 : firm and resolute character

4 : SPINE 1c

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